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Attention: Carpet Team  
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Submitted via email: [carpet@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:carpet@calrecycle.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE CALIFORNIA CARPET STEWARDSHIP PLAN 2017-2021**

Dear Carpet Team at CalRecycle:

We are writing to express our serious concerns regarding the current situation between CARE and CalRecycle. At this time we do not wish to cast our opinion on the revised plan submitted by CARE or the accusation filed by the State of California. We wanted to let all parties know that our concern is during this time of "unrest" should any funding of incentives cease we would be forced to stop all collections in San Diego. We would like you to please consider the following:

- Buyers (Processors) of our post-consumer carpet would no longer purchase this material if there were no incentives;
- We are a small operation in San Diego but still collected over 5 million pounds of carpet in 2016;
- The 6 remaining collector/sorters in California are the "boots on the ground," the people who work hard every day sorting carpet and preventing it from going to the landfills. Our incentives are based on the pounds we ship, not collect.

We believe if any funding of the incentives stop unexpectedly the entire carpet recycling infrastructure is in jeopardy. We are committed to doing our part in carpet recycling but without the incentives our future success in California is at risk.

We hope if there is a resolution it will happen quickly, if not we hope there will be an interim solution so that the infrastructure can stay in place and incentives can still be funded.

Thank you for your time,

Rachel Palopoli  
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CC: Bob Peoples, CARE